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OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Calhoun Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Poplar Springs Church,

CALHOUN COUNTY, MISS.,

September 22d, 23d and 24th, A. D. 1881.

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OFFICERS:

ELD. H. L. JOHNSON .....MODERATOR.

L. W. HARRELSON,.....CLERK.

Executive Board.

G. W. MURFF, J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, R. H. CRUTHIRDS,
H. L. JOHNSON, L. W. HARRELSON.

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MINUTES

OF THE

Calhoun Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

THURSDAY, September 22d, 1881.

The Calhoun Baptist Association, met this day, in its Sixth Annual Session, with the Church at Poplar Springs, Calhoun county, Mississippi.

The Introductory Sermon was preached at 11 o'clock, by the appointee Eld. R. F. Stokes. Text: St. John, 17:11. Theme, "The unity of the Church." After an intermission of one hour for refreshments, the delegates assembled in the house, sung a hymn and prayer was offered by Eld. J. R. Sumner.

The Association was called to order by Eld. R. F. Stokes, the former Moderator.

Elders J. R. Sumner and W. K. Bryant were appointed reading Clerks.

The annual letters were presented and read, and the names of the Delegates enrolled as follows:

Antioch—T. P. Stanford, G. L. Phillips.

Concord—J. B. Ellard.

Dividing Ridge—By letter.

Driver's Flat—G. W. Riley, W. S. Houser, M. H. Martin.

Elim—John Newman, J. L. French.

Friendship—G. W. Tedder, T. J. Kellum.
Hopewell—A. C. Young, James Moore.
London Hill—C. A. Sanders, C. G. Morris.
Liberty—Thos. Vines.
Mt. Comfort—J. M. Hasting, H. C. Hunter.
Mt. Tabor—R. H. Cruthirds, A. Q. Parker.
Mt. Moriah—B. Davis, E. D. Davis.
Macedonia—L. W. Preddy, J. A. Kea.
New Liberty—J. W. Burgess, Thos. Dye.
New Hope, Calhoun county—H. M. Berry.
New Hope, Pontotoc county—J. A. Johnson, B. C. Houpt.
Oak Grove—J. A. Craze, W. A. Pilgreen, M. J. Maxey.
Poplar Springs—W. G. Hardin, S. Shumake, I. D. Stacy.
Pittsboro—J. A. Killingsworth, J. S. Ryan, L. W. Harrelson.
Pine Grove—W. C. Akin.
Pilgrim's Rest, Yalobusha county—G. C. Goodman, A. W. Langham, J. T. Wilson.
Pilgrim's Rest, Calhoun county—M. M. McKinzie, D. M. Callum, J. B. Easley.
Pleasant Ridge—John Sanders, N. E. McKinzie, Joseph Johnson.
Pleasant Grove—G. R. Brown, A. G. Wood, M. B. Hardin.
Rocky Mount—J. C. Logan, J. S. Winter, W. J. Crocker.
Shiloh—No letter.
Spring Creek—R. F. Stokes, H. L. Johnson, W. S. Lanford.
Turkey Creek—T. R. Williams, P. R. Thornton.

The following Order of Business was adopted:

1. Call to order.
2. Call for reading the annual letters.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary letters.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Return Correspondence.

7. Appointment of Committees.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Report of Committees, provided, that the Devotional Committee may report at any time.
10. Miscellaneous business and resolutions.
11. Approve Minutes.
12. Adjourn.

The Association proceeded to a permanent organization of the body, Brethren Sumner and Bryant acting as tellers.

The election resulted in the choice of Elder J. L. Johnson, as Moderator, and the re-election of L. W. Harrelson, Clerk.

Petitionary letters being called for, one was presented from Liberty church, and one from New Hope church (Pontotoc county,) which were duly received, and the Moderator, on behalf of the Association, extended to their delegates the hand of fellowship.

Corresponding Messengers from other Associations being called for, Elders B. French, from the Yalobusha, and W. K. Bryant, from the Oxford Associations were received and welcomed to seats with us.

Permanent Regulation of this Association.

Resolved, That any member of this Association who is present at any Association or body with which we are in correspondence, be authorized to act as our messenger to said Association or body, upon presentation of a Minute of this Association, and that this be a standing order or resolution until the same is repealed or rescinded by this budy.

Committees Appointed.

On Preaching—J. S. Ryan, P. R. Thornton, with the Pastor and Deacons of Poplar Springs Church.

On Home Missions—J. A. Killingsworth, J. B. Ellard, G. W. Riley.

On Foreign Missions—J. S. Ryan, G. W. Tedder, John Newman.

On Education—R. F. Stokes, C. G. Morris, R. H. Cruthi rds.

On Sabbath-Schools—P. R. Thornton, J. W. Burgess, Benjamin Davis.

On Finance—L. W. Preddy, W. S. Lanford, J. P. Wilson.

On Mississippi College—G. C. Goodwin, H. M. Berry, J. A. Johnson.

On Temperance—J. R. Sumner, J. A. Craze, W. G. Hardin.

On Nominations—L. W. Harrelson, John Sanders, Thos. Vines.

On Publications—R. F. Stokes, J. S. Ryan. P. R. Thornton.

The Devotioual Committee reported that Elder J. R. Sumner preach on Thursday night, and Elder G. C. Goodwin on Friday at 11 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned to half-past 8 o'clock, Friday morning. Prayer by Elder W. K. Bryant.

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SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

FRIDAY, September 23, 1881.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder James Martin.

The Executive Board submitted the following report which was adopted:

The Executive Board beg leave to report: That we held a meeting April 10th, 1881, and appointed Elder H. L. Johnson to labor in the bounds of this Association; and we also called upon the State Board for aid to the amount of $100, which was granted, Bro. Johnson is to labor five months, and is to collect the above amount from certain pledges made the State Board at the last meeting of this Association. Bro. Johnson began work the fifth Sabbath in July, and he reports that he has traveled 295 miles, preached 26 sermons, sold $13 70 worth of religious books, 2,000 pages of Baptist tracts, attended 13 prayer meeting. There were thirty baptized at

meetings which he attended. He baptized two, and has collected $32 70 for Home Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. HARRELSON, Sec'y.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted the following report, and after discussion and pending the adoption, a collection was taken up amounting to $11 30; the report was then adopted:

Report on Foreign Missions.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report, That in our blindness and selfishness, we are disposed to deny obligations to send the Gospel to those dark regions, where its light has never shone. We are apt to conclude that, as it is our interest to enjoy it, it is their duty to procure it. We forget that they are blind to its beauty, and ignorant of its value and the necessity of its influence. Peter thought that it should be confined to the Jews; yet, God, by a miracle, convinced him that it was adopted to all.

Paul was especially called as a Foreign Missionary, and from his history and epistles, we lean that as he planted churches, he was, by those churches sustained in preaching the Gospel in the regions beyond; and this abundant success is the strongest evidence of God's approval of his labors.

To trace the history of Foreign Missions, would require more time and space than the present occasion would allow, suffice it to say that the promise of our Savior to be with His saints unto the end of the world, was realized by Cary, Judson and thousands of others, who have given their energies and their lives to the foreign field.

The history of the first century gives clear and undoubted indications of the Divine will on the subject of Missions, in addition to the abundant success of the Gospel, where it has gone in view of these facts, we urge that it is our duty to increase our efforts to preach the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth, and with prayer and supplication for Divine aid and assistance, looking for the day when the kingdom of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. RYAN, Ch'n.

The Association udjourned for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

The Association was called together by singing. Prayer by Bro. John Newman.

The committee on Home Missions made the following report, which, after it was ably discussed was adopted:

Your committee on Home Missions would respectfully submit the following:

That there is a mighty conflict raging in our beloved State and surrounding territory—Truth against Error—light against darkness. The strongholds of darkness, in many places, are tottering as the pure word of God is made known. We, through the instrumentality of our Board, have commenced a noble work for the Master.

We are persuaded that the work is but in its incipiency. The cry for the "bread of life" is widening. Our Board is doing all it can to supply the destitution; but the means are not sufficient to supply all. We have the men called of God, who are ready to go to the perishing, with the breath of life; but the Board cannot send them unless we say so by our willingness to sustain them for their work's sake. What will we do, brethren? Shall we say to the Board, send more laborers into the vineyard, and we will help sustain them by our contributions and prayers.

We would respectfully urge upon the churches to adopt some systematic form of giving. Let the deacons, whose duty it is, take the matter in hand, and time will show the results.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. KILLINGSWORTH, Ch'n.

The Messengers of the following Churches agree "to try" to raise the amount annexed to the name of their churches, for Home Missions, which are to be paid during the next Associational year, viz:

CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.	CHURCHES.	AMOUNT.
Antioch	$10 00	Pittsboro	$10 00
Drivers' Flat	8 60	Pilgrims' Rest,(Yal.)	10 00
Elam	2 50	Pilgrims' Rest,(Cal.)	2 00
Frieudship	10 00	Rocky Mount	7 00
Hopewell	2 00	Spring Creek	15 00
London Hill	5 00	Turkey Creek	12 50
Mount Tabor	11 80	J. M. Hasting	1 00
Oak Grove	4 40		

Report on Education.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to make the following report:

The mind is that which distinguishes the man from the brute. Man is governed by intellect—the brute by instinct. The intellect can be impressed—instinct cannot.

To educate is to store the mind with ideas; it brightens and strengthens the intellectual powers. Now, the more a man is educated the higher he is raised above the brute creation. It is by education that we are able to look into the holy scriptures, and read the truth unadulterated.

Knowledge is power, and, this being true, we should educate our children, our preachers, and our church members, because we wish to conquer the world for Christ. Without education we cannot do near the amount of work that we can with it. Brethren, let us give our children the best education possible.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. STOKES, Ch'n.

The Devotional Committee reported that Elder J. A. Johnson preach at 3 o'clock; Elder W. K. Briant, at night; Elder T. R. Williams, Saturday, at 11 o'clock; Elder J. R. Sumner, at 3 o'clock, Saturday evening.

Adjourned to 8 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Johnson.

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THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

Saturday, September 24, 1881.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. A. Killingsworth.

The committee on Sabbath-schools read the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to report:

That we find from the reading of the letters from the churches that only three Sabbath-schools are reported. This ought not to be so; every church should have a live working Sabbath-school; because there is nothing more necessary to the present

welfare and future happiness of our children than a properly conducted Sabbath-school, in which the minds of the youths are trained for the service of God. The great truths taught in the bible impress the heart of the child with pure love for the word of God; therefore,

Resolved, That we request each pastor in this Association to urge upon each of his churches the organization of a Sabbath-school.

Respectfully submitted,

P. R. THORNTON, Ch'n.

Report on Mississippi College.

Your committee would report that the buildings are now in great need of repairs; and they must be repaired before winter; and that there are no funds for this purpose. The College is entirely dependent on the voluntary contributions of the Baptists to do this work.

We, therefore, urge the churches to take up collections and forward the same at once to brother Webb. (See last year's report.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. GOODWIN, Ch'n.

The committee on Temperance made their report, which was read, discussed, and adopted:

Your committee on Temperance would recommend the adoption of the following report:

We believe that intemperance is the greatest sin of our land; and notwithstanding our future prospects as a nation, is bright, it is coming in upon us like a flood, and is spreading through our midst an atmosphere of death. We believe that of all the ways to endless destruction, which the feet of deluded mortals tread, that of the intemperate is the most dreary and terrific.

It is a great calamity to our nation that this sin was not detected in its origin, and strangled in the cradle. But alas! instead of this, there are many of our people in whom the habit is already fixed, and the hope of reformation is gone.

Therefore, we urge all christians, pastors of churches, and heads of famiiies in particular, to use their best efforts to eradicate this evil from our midst.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. SUMNER, Ch'n.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted.

Your committee on Finance would submit the following report:

For printing Minutes	$ 40 85
For Home Missions	108 75
For Foreign Missions	11 30

We have examined the Clerk's and Treasurer's books, and find them correct; the Treasurer having vouchers for all funds passing through his hands.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. PREDDY, Ch'n,

Adjourned for preaching.

Afternoon Session.

The Association met, and was opened with prayer by Elder G. C. Goodwin.

Report on Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations recommend Elder J. A. Killingsworth to preach the Introductory Sermon at our next meeting; Elder L. W. Preddy, alternate.

For Executive Board, G. W. Murff, J. A. Killingsworth, R. H. Cruthirds, and the Moderator and Clerk of this body.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. HARRELSON, Ch'n.

Report on Publications.

Your committee on Documents and Publications beg leave to report:

That there are very few religious papers taken in our Association, compared with what ought to be. We, therefore, recommend the following periodicals as worthy of our liberal support, viz: The "Baptist Record," "Christian Repository," "The Baptist," "The Foreign Mission Journal," and "Kind Words."

Recommend, also, that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he insert a synopsis of the district meetings, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his serviees.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. STOKES, Ch'n.

The Special Committee appointed by the Association to

visit Pine Flat Church, and be present at the trial of Elder Martin Parker, who was charged with immoral conduct, reported unfavorably. Whereupon, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The church at Pine Flat has utterly failed to discharge her duty in the case of Elder Martin Parker, as required by this Association, pretending to justify said Parker upon incompetent testimony; therefore,

Resolved, That said Pine Flat Church be excluded from the fellowship of this Association.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That each church send up fifty cents, at our next meeting, for the purpose of having the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant printed in our next Minutes.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare and have printed in our Minutes, a form of Church Letter to this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are tendered the Church at Poplar Springs, and the community around, for the hospitality displayed in the entertainment of the members of this body.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Moderator and Clerk for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

After singing a hymn and giving the parting hand, and prayer by Elder James Martin, the Association adjourned to meet with Spring Creek Church, two miles west of Banner, Calhoun county, Mssissippi, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1882.

H. L. JOHNSON, Moderator.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk.

Report of Northern District.

The Northern District will meet with the Baptist Church of Christ, at Pilgrim's Rest, Yalobusha county, Miss., on Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1882; Eld. P. Lanford to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. John Sanders, alternate.

ESSAYS.

1. The Divine call to the Ministy—Eld. F. Mize.
2. What is the duty of Churches in regard to the Developing of the gifts of the Church?—Eld. P. Lanford.
3. An Exigeses on 1 Peter, 3:19—Eld. T. R. Williams.
4. Who is Melchisedec?—Eld. R. F. Stokes.
5. Is regeneration and the new birth one and the same thing?—Eld. L. Prescott.
6. Is the Third Person, the Holy Spirit, a real person?—Eld. H. L. Johnson.

QUERIES.

1. What are the duties of Deacons?
2. Is the doctrine of the Apostosy taught in the 6th chapter Hebrews?
3. Does God use instrumentality in the accomplishing of his purposes.
4. When should the Lord's Supper be taken, and what should be the surrounding circumstances?

H. L. JOHNSON, Moderator.

FLEM MIZE, Clerk.

Report of Southern District.

To meet with Friendship Church, Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August, 1882; Eld. L. W. Preddy to preach the Introductory Sermon; Eld. J. A. Killingsworth, alternate.

ESSAYS.

1. Eld. J. A. Killingsworth—Rom. 7:15, 16, 17.
2. Bro. J. S. Ryan—1 Peter, 3:19.
3. A. Atkinson—Luke, 10:41, 42.

QUERIES.

1. Do the Scriptures recognize the baptism of a believer by a properly authorized administrator, without the presence and vote of a church, authorizing such baptism.
2. Ought Christian men give their vote for the promotion of profane or drinking men to the offices of our country?
3. Which is first in order, Faith or Regeneration?
4. Were the Twelve Disciples that Paul met at Ephesus baptized by him.

L. W. HARRELSON, Clerk. L. W. PREDDY, Moderator.

Blank Church Letter.

The Baptist Church of Christ at.....

To the Calhoun Baptist Association:

Sendeth Christian Salutation:

DEAR BRETHREN:—

We have chosen the following brethren to represent us in your body, to-wit:

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Statistics.

.....is our Pastor.

.....is our Post Office.

.....our time of Meeting

Received by Baptism..... Dismissed by Letter.....

" " Letter..... Excluded.....

Restored..... Dead.....

Total number in fellowship.....

The Church has paid to pastors, $.....For Home Missions, $..... Foreign Missions, $..... Mississippi College, $.....; for Minutes, $.....; for Associational purposes, $..... Number of times our pastor has failed to meet with us.....

Done by order of the Church in Conference on.....

day of.....188...

.....Moderator.

.....Church Clerk.

Statistical Table

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.
Antioch	Calhoun	Banner	Joseph Griffin
Concord	Calhoun	Banner	Lee Linder
Dividing Ridge	Yalobusha	Air Mount	B. French
Driver's Flat	Calhoun	Paris	F. Mize
Elam	Yalobusha	Coffeeville	B. French
Friendship	Calhoun	Elzy	R. W. Thompson
Hopewell	Pontotoc	Sarepta	E. McGregory
London Hill	Lafayette	Paris	Flem Mize
Liberty	Yalobusha	Water Valley	W. G. Moreland
Mt. Comfort	Calhoun	Pittsboro	P. Lanford
Mt. Tabor	"	Cotton Valley	L. W. Preddy
Mt. Moriah	"	Sarepta	S. Wilkins
Macedonia	"	Pittsboro	L. W. Preddy
New Liberty	"	"	L. W. Preddy
New Hope	"	Sarepta	Joseph Griffin
New Hope	Pontotoc	"	J. A. Johnston
Oak Grove	Calhoun	Pittsboro	C. E. Murphree
Poplar Springs	"	Cherry Hill	L. W. Preddy
Pittsboro	"	Pittsboro	H. L. Johnson
Pine Grove	Yalobusha	Vann's Mill	J. W. Trusty
Pilgrim's Rest	"	Air Mount	G. C. Goodwin
Pilgrim's Rest	Calhoun	Sarepta	Joseph Griffin
Pleasant Ridge	"	"	John Sanders
Pleasant Grove	Chickasaw	Cherry Hill	L. W. Preddy
Rocky Mount	Calhoun	Pittsboro	C. E. Murphree
Shiloh	"	Cole's Creek	No letter
Spring Creek	"	Banner	R. F. Stokes
Turkey Creek	"	Pine Valley	T. R. Williams

For the Year, 1881.

CLERKS.	Days Meeting.	By Baptism.	Rec'd by letter.	Dis. by letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	For Minutes.	Home Missions
A. H. Henry	1	5	5	2	2	3	...	43	2 00	4 50
W. F. Ellard	1	.....	1	8	...	3	...	53	1 50	2 65
C. C. Hill	4	2	3	1	...	...	2	46	65	1 75
W. M. Martin	1	16	5	8	4	7	2	86	1 70	.....
H. P. Tate	3	3	...	8	..	...	...	42	1 50	.....
J. T. Hawkins	2	.....	1	10	...	1	1	76	1 50	.....
J. H. Young	3	1	3	8	...	..	2	37	1 25	.....
C. G. Morris	2	.....	2	2	1	...	2	55	1 25	3 00
James Woods	1	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	16	75	.....
Thos. Ballenger	2	.....	...	2	...	...	...	58	2 00	1 75
R. H. Crnthirds	1	12	6	2	...	...	1	59	1 25	11 00
T. C. Davis	3	16	7	.....	...	...	...	75	1 00	.....
J. A. Kea	3	13	6	4	...	3	3	123	2 05	9 75
A. Stoup	4	25	8	7	6	...	1	113	2 25	5 00
J. L. Jenkins	3	5	2	13	...	2	...	77	1 50	.....
.....	4	7	14	.....	...	...	...	21	50	.....
J. A. Craze	4	1	...	3	...	...	...	22	1 00	.....
G. W. Murff	2	13	7	2	1	2	...	77	2 35	10 00
L. W. Harrelson	4	.....	3	4	...	...	...	23	2 00	6 75
J. H. Gray	2	10	3	6	1	2	...	40	60	4 25
A. W. Langham	4	9	8	7	...	4	1	92	2 50	.....
G. D. Collum	4	.....	...	3	...	...	...	16	50	.....
S. R. Henderson	1	1	2	6	...	...	...	66	1 50	4 25
A. G. Wood	2	.....	9	1	...	...	...	.....	1 50	.....
L. R. Guthrey	4	8	...	2	...	2	1	80	1 50	2 00
.....	...	....	.	.....	...	...	...	84	.....	15 60
W. S. Lanford	4	2	1	1	...	4	1	84	2 75	20 00
R. J. Flanagan	2	19	3	10	...	1	...	91	2 50	9 25
Total	...	168	99	120	15	34	19	1655	$40 85	$111 40

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
J. W. Burgess	Pittsboro.
Thos. Bratton	Sarepta.
G. C. Goodwin	Air Mount.
Joseph Griffin	Sarepta.
J. A. Johnston	Sarepta.
H. L. Johnson	Banner.
J. A. Killingsworth	Pittsboro.
Lee Linder	Banner.
P. Lanford	Banner.
Flem Mize	Paris.
James Martin	Paris.
C. E. Murphree	Pittsboro.
L. W. Preddy	Pittsboro.
L. Prescott	Air Mount.
John Sanders	Sarepta.
R. F. Stokes	Banner.
J. W. Trusty	New Hope.
John Wilkins	Sarepta.
Samuel Wilkins	Pittsboro.
T. R. Williams	Pine Valley.

Licentiates.

H. M. Berry	Sarepta.
J. L. Jenkins	Sarepta.
C. G. Morris	Paris.
G. W. Riley	Paris.
N. J. Weaver	Pittsboro.
Jasper Winter	Sarepta.
M. Wilson	Sarepta.